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SUBJECT: GDR TV USE OF FILM SEGMENT ON MOON EXPLORATION

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1. DDR TV SPACE PROGRAM, "TRACKS ON THE MOON" SHOWN LAST NIGHT ON DDR FIRST CHANNEL. PREDICTABLY, MAJORITY OF 26 MINUTE PROGRAM LAUDED GREAT SOVIET SUCCESS IN MOON EXPLORATION, EMPHASIZING SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH AND DEPENDABILITY OF "LUNIKHOD" 1 AND 2.

2. APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES UTILIZED OF U.S. FOOTAGE SUPPLIED, SHOWING ARMSTRONG CAVORTING ON GRAVITY-LIGHT MOON SURFACE AND APOLLO 15 ASTRONAUTS RIDING IN "MOON ROVER." IN CONTRAST TO CONCENTRATION ON "SERIOUS" SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF SOVIET EXPLORATION, SUPERFICIAL IMPRESSION GIVEN TO UNINITIATED WAS THAT AMERICAN LANDING OF ASTRONAUTS ON MOON WAS RATHER FRIVOLOUS AND VERY EXPENSIVE. COMMENTARY STATED THAT "AMERICAN EFFORT COST 100 TIMES THAT OF SOVIET, WITH SCIENTIFIC RESULTS ABOUT THE SAME\*"

3. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS HARD TO DETRACT FROM THE AMERICAN SUCCESS AND THE FOOTAGE SHOWN, IF BRIEF, WAS SPECTACULAR. MOREOVER, GDR CITIZENS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SPACE AND MANY OF THEM NO DOUBT ARE AWARE OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHED IN THE COURSE OF THE

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